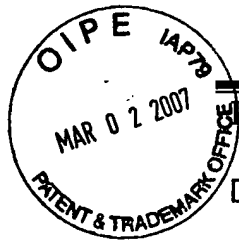


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the following:

- Amendments to the Specification** which begins on page 2 of this paper;
- Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in a listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper;
- Remarks** which begin on page 9 of this paper;
- Appendix A** which begins on page 19 of this paper; and
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